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SUBJECT: GAO REVIEW: "ANTIDUMPING ACT OF 1921."

1. DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN INFORMED BY GAO OF THE SUBJECT REVIEW, WHICH HAS BEEN REQUESTED BY SENATORS BAYH, GLENN, HEINZ, METZENBAUM AND RANDOLPH.

2. THE OVERSEAS WORK IS MOTIVATED BY THE TWO BROAD OBJECTIVES OF EXAMINING THE ADEQUACY OF LEGISLATION AND ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES. GAO WOULD LIKE TO EXPLORE PROBLEMS THAT THE LEGISLATION AND ITS IMPLEMENTATION HAS POSED FOR FOREIGN BUSINESS ENTERPRISES, THE HOST COUNTRY AND US EMBASSY OFFICIALS. COMPARISONS WILL BE MADE WITH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HOST COUNTRY LEGISLATION AND IMPLEMENTING PROCEDURES AND ALSO THE ANTIDUMPING CODE UNDER GATT. GAO PLANS TO REPORT RESULTS FROM THIS STUDY TO THE CONGRESS IN NOVEMBER 1978.

3. CONTACTS ARE DESIRED WITH EMBASSY AND HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WHO BECOME INVOLVED OR AFFECTED BY THE US

LEGISLATION. CONTACTS ARE ALSO DESIRED WITH HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPLEMENTING HOST COUNTRY ANTIDUMPING LEGISLATION.

4. GAO WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF FIRMS THAT HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN U.S. ANTIDUMPING ACTIONS THE PROBLEMS THEY SEE IN US LEGISLATION, THEIR VIEWS ON HOW LEGISLATION MIGHT BE IMPROVED AND HOW ANTIDUMPING ACTIONS AFFECT THEIR EXPORTING PRACTICES. FOR EXAMPLE, ARE EXPORT QUANTITIES REDUCED, PRICES RAISED, OTHER ACTIONS TAKEN, ETC.

5. IN ADDITION, GAO WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH CUSTOMS ATTACHES, TRADE ASSOCIATIONS, AND WITH APPROPRIATE OFFICER OF THE FOLLOWING FIRMS:

TOKYO SHIBAURA ELECTRIC COMPANY LTD. TOKYO

HITACHI DENHI KK TOKYO

JAPAN WOOL TEXTILE COMPANY KOBE

JAPAN WOOLEN AND LINEN TEXTILES EXPORTERS ASSOCIATION

JAPAN WORSTED AND WOOLEN WEAVERS ASSOCIATION
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NIPPON ELECTRIC COMPANY LTD. TOKYO

C. HOH COMPANY LTD. (HOH CHUU) TOKYO

KOYO SEIKO (TOKYO)

NIPPON SEIKO (TOKYO)

TOYO BEARING (TOKYO)

MITAUBISHI RAYON COMPANY LTD. (TOKYO)

ASAHI CHEMICAL COMPANY LTD. (ASAHI KASEI KOGYO K. K.

NIPPON ZEON COMPANY LTD. (TOKYO)

NIPPON DENKI K.K. (TOKYO)

SHIN NIPPON SEITETSU (TOKYO)

NIPPON KOKAN K.K. (TOKYO)

KAWASAKI SHUE (KOBE)

SUMITOMO METAL INDUSTRIES (OSAKA)

KOBE STEEL, LTD. (KOBE)

KEIDANREN

NIPPON JIDOSHA KOGYOKAI (TOKYO)

6. EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING REQUESTED APPOINTMENTS
GREATLY APPRECIATED.

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7. DEPARTMENT WISHES TO COOPERATE WITH GAO IN ACCORDANCE
WITH THE GUIDELINES IN 4 FAM 930-934. GAO IS AWARE THAT
CONTACTS WITH FOREIGN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ARE AT THE
DISCRETION OF THE AMBASSADOR, TO BE ARRANGED FOR BY THE
EMBASSY, AND AN EMBOFF TO ACCOMPANY, IF FEASIBLE.

8. GAO WORK IN JAPAN WOULD BE CARRIED OUT DURING THE
PERIOD MAY 1 - 26 BY A TEAM COMPOSED OF MS. MARGARET
TRUVER FROM GAO WASHINGTON AND 2 AUDITORS FROM GAO'S FAR
EAST BRANCH IN HONOLULU. DEPARTMENT CERTIFIES THAT
MS. TRUVER HOLDS A CURRENT TOP SECRET SECURITY CLEARANCE.
NAMES AND SECURITY CLEARANCES OF OTHER TWO WILL BE
COMMUNICATED BY GAO HONOLULU.

FYI. GAO WASHINGTON REPS HAVE BEEN BRIEFED BY
DEPARTMENT/EB, TREASURY AND THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE
COMMISSION. VANCE

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